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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 694X), CSX Transportation, Inc. —
Abandonment Exemption—in McMinn County, Tennessee**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated February 2, 2010 (and received by the Board on February 17, 2010), from Mr. John M. Gentry, McMinn County Mayor, on behalf of McMinn County, Tennessee (the "County") to the Board, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline (the "Extension Request") with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County.

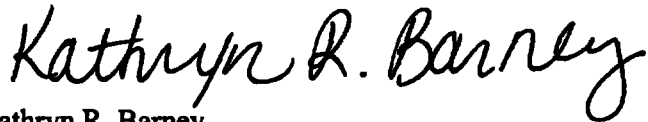
Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant the County's request for a 180-day extension of time to September 7, 2010¹ to negotiate trail use with the County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to November 6, 2010.

¹ The present NITU negotiating period is set to expire on March 11, 2010. It appears the County inadvertently calculated the 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline to be September 6, 2010 - as opposed to September 7, 2010. Although CSXT would accept either date as the new NITU negotiating deadline, CSXT respectfully suggests setting the date to September 7, 2010 to avoid confusion in the future.

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CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn R. Barney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record